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Title: Need to release adequate funds for the benefit of sugarcane growers in Karnataka- Laid.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN) : As you are well aware the sugarcane growers in the country are facing lot of problems. The sugarcane is not lifted on time for crushing. The payment to the sugarcane growers is not made in time. The sugarcane growers all over the country are very much agitated on this issue.

I am glad that the Government have released the grave situation of cane growers and announced a package of financial assistance of about Rs. 600 crores to the sugarcane farmers of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal only. In fact, Karnataka which is the second highest sugarcane growing State in the country has not got adequate attention of the Government in this regard.

I, therefore, urge upon the Hon. Prime Minister to release a package of at least Rs.300 crores for the benefit of the sugarcane growers in Karnataka.